GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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FUNDS FOR WELFARE OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of contribution provided by the Government to the States for the welfare of Tribals;

(b) whether the State Governments demanded to raise the percentage of Centre`s contribution in the Conference of Ministers of Tribal Affairs held in Delhi recently?

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has asked the States to set-up an independent mechanism to monitor the utilisation of the funds provided by the Centre; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides assistance under various schemes/ programmes for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes. The percentage of contribution under each scheme of the Ministry is as under:

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Central share (%)
1	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan	100
2	Grants under proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution	100
3	Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST Students	100
4	Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys	50
5	Establishment of Ahsram Schools in Tribal Areas	50
6	Grant to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)	50
7	Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for STs including Coaching & Allied Scheme and Award for exemplary service	
	(a) Grant-in-Aid to NGOs	90
	(b) Coaching & Allied	100
8	Vocational Training centres in Tribal Areas	100
9	Educational Complexes in Low Literacy Pockets for development of women literacy in Tribal areas	100
10	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)	100
11	Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce	100
12	Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development	
	(a) NSTFDC	100
	(b) STDCs	49
13	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST Students	100
14	Exchange of visits by tribals	100

(b) & (c): During the review meeting of State Secretaries in-charge of Tribal Development/ Welfare held on 13 February 2007 and the Conference of State`s Ministers in-charge of Tribal Welfare/ Development held on 14 February 2007 in New Delhi, some of the State Governments had requested for raising the central share for implementing the schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The funding pattern under various schemes is decided by the Planning Commission.

(d) & (e): The issue of improving the monitoring of the utilisation of the funds provided by this Ministry was mentioned at the State Ministers` Conference, but there was no discussion about setting up an independent mechanism.